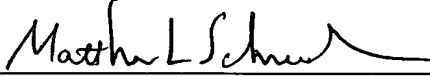


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/551280	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/004094		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 24 March 2004 (24.03.2004)		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 27 March 2003 (27.03.2003)	
TITLE OF INVENTION HUMOR SAMPLING IMPLEMENT AND METHOD OF HUMOR SAMPLING					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US YAZAKI, Hirofumi; NAKAMURA, Toshihisa; and YAGUCHI, Yoshiaki					
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